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Letter to Philander Chase

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9 Portman Square. London
May 23. 1826

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very dear Sir

I have delayed writing to thank you
for your most kind & welcome letter of the 17th of Feb^r till I
could at the same time send you some account of the plants
you were so good as to send me. - I am most happy to say
that the Diamond Tree, & the Rose from your own gar-
den & your own hand, are making great progress, &
I hear from my brother, who is just returned from the
country that they have each shot an inch or two. I
am particularly glad that the Rose which I have ever
valued most to value, is likely to succeed - & when
it is sufficiently grown to allow a cutting to be taken
from it, I will have one planted by my Ohio cabin,
till then I do not trust it out of a safe place. The
two other little roses were so dried up by the long pur-
sue, from October to Feb^r, that I am afraid there is
little chance of their doing any good - but I thank you
very much, my dearest Bishop, for sending them
as well as the others - & also for your invaluable letters,
of which I feel myself very unworthy, & can only
wish it was in my power to be of more use to you
& your cause - That my letters are ever, in any way,
useful to you, in your moments of affliction, is
a source of humble gratification to me, tho' I feel
still more obliged by your kindness in so thinking
of one so little known to you. -

Before you receive this, you will most probably have heard of the late resolution of your Trustees in Eng^d, to place some part of the Fund at your immediate disposal, which I hope will remove all present difficulty as to the lands in Anox County. Mrs Wiggins & your dear Eliza are quite averse that Mr. W. cannot accede to your wishes about the purchase - & it is indeed very much to be regretted, especially as it is a purchase which few will be inclined to make who have not some connection with America. I should be very glad if I could hear there was any chance of Mr. A. Hodgson buying it - but I hope before this time, since one may have arrived on the other side the water, & that with the help of this immediate ready money, you will be much relieved.

I rejoice to hear such good accounts of all most dear to you, & especially that the dear English boy is recovered; & also that the Indians are proceeding so satisfactorily. We were also very glad to hear Mr. Flory had sent his boys to you, as it must be a great advantage to the infant Seminary - & also that you had engaged more students at Washington.

I am every day expecting a summons to go & hear the barrel organ for your Chapel, ^{which} is nearly completed by one of the best organ-builders in London - (& on which we have had the tune of Jones of Hayland set) - & I hope it will be a source of much pleasure & edification in Hope Chapel. -

My very dear Bishop Chase - you must not be averse with me, or any of your friends, who write & try to persuade you to take care of your valuable life & health. - No one sets on you the little value you set on yourself - nor can we

cease to tremble at the risks & hardships, to which you seem continually exposed, especially as under God, you are at present so much the sole instrument upon which depends the welfare of so many souls; - & yet we cannot doubt but that He in whose eyes the meanest Christian is of "more value than many sparrows," will watch over & protect his faithful & chosen Servant, or raise up others to build his Church, should he see fit to remove the present instrument - & we must hope that in his good time the "lord of the harvest will send forth labourers into his harvest" - To use your own simile - would the pilot rejoice to assign his rudder, if he ^{fore}saw no probability of its passing into hands able & willing to ^{steer} guide the

vessel in safety to the haven where she would be? - And tho' to a mind raised above the corruptions of the world, to "depart hence & be with Christ is far better" than aught here below, yet we cannot cease to pray that your days, my dearest & revered

Sir, may be prolonged, that you may "see of the travail of your soul & be satisfied," & see thousands "arise & call you blessed" - ere you are summoned to that crown of glory reserved for the faithful, thro' the merits of our only Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

After such a subject, I scarcely know how to turn to any other, & yet I think I cannot close my letter without telling you of the welfare of all you love in Dear Old England - We are all well, so is our good Aunt at peaceful Peck Hall - so also are the Mannings & Miss Marfalanne (who is in London) & the Wiggins, & Sir J. & Lady Adair, & Lady Palmer. Good Dr. Gaskin is much as when I wrote last - well in

health & spirits, but troubled about his eyes. I am sure a letter
from you, when you have time, would be very welcome to him.
At the Clergy Bazaar Examination yesterday, we saw many
of the Bks you love. The Bk of Canterbury, Bk of Bath & Wells
&c. also we saw Mr. Howie & Mr. J. Watson & whom we

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I say
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cannot see without thinking of their conduct to you, in
unfavourable manner to themselves -
I have this day sent your feather screens to be moun-
ted, & they will be very handsome & valuable -
With our united prayers & best wishes for every
blessing to you & those most dear to you Believe me
My dearest Bk Chase, ever your respectfully grateful &